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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Applicant : Hirai, Mitsuharu  
App. No : 10/553,576  
Filed : October 17, 2005  
For : METHOD OF DETECTING OR  
QUANTITATIVELY DETERMINING  
MITOCHONDRIAL DNA 3243  
VARIATION, AND KIT THEREFOR  
Examiner : Staples, Mark  
Art Unit : 1637  
Conf # : 4658

**Mail Stop RCE**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being made as follows:

1. Submission Required under 37 CFR 1.114:

(X) Consider the Amendment/Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on July 25, 2008.

2. Fees:

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
RCE Fee		1801 (\$810)		\$810
1 Month Extension		1251 (\$120)		\$120
			<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>	<b>\$930</b>

(X) An extension of time is hereby requested by payment of the appropriate fee indicated above.

3. Payment:

(X) The amount of \$930 will be paid via EFS Web.

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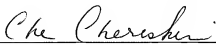
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Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,  
KNOBBE MARTENS OLSON & BEAR LLP

Dated: August 27, 2008

  
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